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1. On 27 September 1951, the Herrenkrug Kaserne in Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60) was occupied to capacity by about 1,200 troops. Material [REDACTED] 2 SP guns, and 4 artillery pieces of 100-mm to 120-mm, 3 caterpillar tractors and 14 trucks [REDACTED] standing in a shed. However, on 3 October the installation quartered only about 150 to 200 troops. The doors of the sheds were closed. Four canvas-covered [REDACTED] chassis stood in the barracks yard. Sentries at the main entrance wore red-bordered black epaulets and those at the two other entrances black-bordered red epaulets.
2. The Anger Kaserne quartered about 400 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets on 3 October. [REDACTED] soldiers working on several trucks through the open doors of a shed. Six mortars were parked in the yard. Several groups of soldiers were engaged in formation drill. About 150 other soldiers, who wore black-bordered red epaulets, were drilling on Crakauer Anger. Four mortars were seen with them. [REDACTED]
3. The Hindenburg Kaserne quartered about 250 troops on 30 September. They wore red-bordered black epaulets. Most of the quarters were vacant. The unit there apparently was a motor transport unit or a driving school. About 14 cable reels were laying in the yard. [REDACTED]
4. The Nachrichten Kaserne, except for the motor vehicle repair shop in the building fronting Brueckstrasse, was vacant prior to 2 October. About 60 trucks were being worked on in the repair shop. Sentries wore black-bordered red epaulets.
5. The Seeckt Kaserne was occupied by only a guard unit of about 40 soldiers prior to 2 October. The installation was being cleared of rubble and some buildings were being reconstructed.

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6. The Zuckerbusch Kaserne was occupied by a guard detail only prior to 2 October. Sentries wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 200 gasoline barrels, which were guarded by special sentries wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, were piled in the yard on 2 October.

25X1C 7. About 40 trucks, including some mounting artillery pieces, were parked at the Flak Kaserne in Crakau on 30 September. No details could be gathered since the road to the installation was blocked by German Volkspolizei personnel. On 4 October, the barracks installation was about one third occupied by about 700 troops. Groups of 10 soldiers practiced with four 76.2-mm artillery pieces. Some of these soldiers wore artillery insignia. Four canvas-covered

25X1C 8. On 26 September, the Encke Kaserne quartered about 1,500 troops with about 100 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 250 troops red-bordered black epaulets, and about 250 troops black-bordered black epaulets. Whereas on 5 October, the installation quartered only about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 50 officers of various ranks and branches of service were seen walking from the barracks installation to the officer club on Gross Driesdorferlandstrasse. The installation apparently housed a unit headquarters. About 25 trucks, 6 mortars of 120-mm and 6 AT guns of about 50-mm were parked in the barracks yard on 26 September.

25X1C 9. Prior to 29 September, the Flak Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Women in uniforms with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were also seen. About 30 soldiers were cleaning shells, about 1 meter long and 8 cm in diameter, near a shed, apparently an ammunition shed. Three shells were packed in each wooden crate. Two 37-mm AA guns were parked in the yard. About 50 trucks stood in front, and in the garages.

25X1C 10. Only a few soldiers and three uniformed women with black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen in the Hindenburg Kaserne prior to 1 October.

25X1C and 8.4 60 mm mortar were engaged in driving practice.

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